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Inspect premises (domestic) for compliance with water fittings regulations/byelaws

Overview

This unit is for you if you carry out inspections of domestic premises, i.e., where water is supplied to single occupancy dwellings, to make sure they comply with the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999. This may include inspections of contractors' work for audit purposes.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Agree inspection

P1 you confirm the need for the proposed individual inspection, according to organisational procedures

P2 you confirm inspection details, special needs requirements, access requirements and any agreed security measures and procedures

P3 you determine any safety issues which may be posed by the inspection, and identify the equipment which may be required to carry out the inspection in a safe manner

P4 you confirm the time, date, expected duration of the inspection and those who will be attending the inspection

P5 you provide accurate and complete information to relevant people about the extent of the inspection and any specific requirement

Determine compliance with regulations

P6 you gain access to the premises in an effective and courteous manner, and you confirm the inspection details

P7 you confirm the accuracy of information about the premises and note any amendments to be made

P8 you identify the specific system(s) to be inspected and you confirm the regulatory requirements

P9 you identify the hazards associated with carrying out the inspection, and where this indicates an unacceptable risk you terminate the inspection and inform the relevant people of the details

P10 you safely gain access to the system(s) to be inspected, using appropriate personal protective and access equipment

P11 you carry out the inspection in a safe manner with minimum disruption or damage to the premises

P12 you accurately identify any contravention of the regulations and where this constitutes a serious risk you take immediate relevant action

P13 you propose solutions and actions which can be undertaken to ensure compliance

P14 you identify any planned work activities which may impinge on future compliance

Record and report inspection information

P15 you accurately record the details of inspected properties and update organisational records as required

P16 you provide accurate and complete information to the relevant people of the outcomes of the inspection

P17 you accurately record contravention details and the specific part of the regulations that have been breached

P18 you check that relevant people understand the implications of the identified contravention of the regulations

P19 where contravention of the regulations has been identified you agree a timescale for re-inspection with relevant people

P20 where compliance with the regulations is identified you provide the required formal notification to the relevant person

P21 you identify and record any planned changes which may require future inspections

P22 you provide complete and accurate inspection information to relevant people, according to organisational and regulatory requirements

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Agree inspection

K1 reasons for and purposes of inspections, i.e. the regulatory requirements for inspections, the audit requirements (for the approved installer scheme), and organisational procedures

K2 the importance of making sure the inspection is necessary

K3 the implications of an inspection for those being inspected

K4 statutory provisions for powers of entry

K5 the types of safety issues posed by inspections and their implications

K6 who requires the details of the inspection

K7 recording requirements

Determine compliance with regulations

K8 how to gain effective access and the importance of being courteous

K9 statutory provisions for powers of entry

K10 the information to be checked and the importance of doing this

K11 how to interpret design installation diagrams

K12 regulatory requirements for systems in domestic premises and how to apply them to different plumbing systems

K13 how to carry out a risk assessment - the hazards associated with inspections in domestic premises and what would constitute an unacceptable risk

K14 who to inform if an inspection is terminated

K15 use of personal protective equipment

K16 safe working practices for inspections and the types of access equipment you may require

K17 the reasons why it may be necessary to disrupt or damage premises and the implications which may be involved

K18 what constitutes a contravention of regulations for different types of plumbing systems

K19 the references made to other regulations and standards in the regulations

K20 what would constitute a serious risk and organisational procedures for the action to take

K21 actions which will ensure compliance, including contamination prevention methods, use of backflow devices and the situations in which they apply

K22 the types of planned work activities which may cause a future breach of the regulations

Record and report inspection information

K23 recording methods

K24 how to determine fluid categories for regulation purposes

K25 the importance of updating records

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K26 organisational recording and reporting requirements
K27 regulatory recording and reporting requirements
K28 the importance of making sure the implications of the contravention of regulations are understood
K29 what constitutes an appropriate timescale for re-inspection
K30 the formal notifications which must be provided
K31 the importance of recording planned changes
K32 to whom the information needs to be provided, including where inspections have been carried out for audit purposes

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Additional Information

Glossary

Details
Date, time, persons, identified non-compliance and legal procedure
Format
Written, sketches and photographs
Information
Written and oral
Relevant people
Line manager and specialised personnel

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